

Application No. 10/693,511

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 21 are pending herein. By the Office Action, Claims 2, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20, and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112 as having insufficient antecedent basis. By this amendment, Claims 1, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20, and 21 are amended. No new matter is added. Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Rejection of Claims Under 35 U.S.C. §112

The amendments to Claims 1, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20, and 21 is a broadening amendment submitted to more fully claim that which is Applicants' invention, and is not intended to limit or narrow the scope of the claims or to effect the Doctrine of Equivalents as it might be applied to the claims, were they unamended.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 10-14, and 17-19 are allowed and that Claims 2, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20, and 21 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112. For the reasons described below, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance.

By this Amendment, non-rejected Claim 1 is amended to provide the necessary antecedent (a notifying vehicle) to remedy the rejection for Claim 2. Claim 7 is amended to more clearly present what is meant by current time and minimum time. Additionally, the language concerning the lead vehicle has been revised for clarity. Claim 9 is amended to describe the leader regain time. Claim 15 is amended to cure the insufficient antecedent basis rejection by removing the reference to a "driver of the receiving vehicle." Claim 16 is amended to provide the antecedent bases for "forwarded priority message" and "receiving vehicle"; "motion-cast region" is defined and "random duration" is more clearly presented. Claim 20 is amended to more clearly specify the message receiving the low priority status. Claim 21 is amended to provide the necessary antecedent basis for "notifying vehicle." Applicants believe that Claims 2, 7, 9, 15, 16, 20, and 21 are now in condition for allowance. Thus, the rejection is overcome and all of the pending claims are allowable. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection are respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

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Entry of the above amendments is respectfully requested.

No additional fee is believed to be required for this amendment. However, the undersigned Xerox Corporation Attorney hereby authorizes the charging of any necessary fees, other than the issue fee, to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025. This also constitutes a request for any needed extension of time and authorization to charge all fees therefor to Xerox Corporation Deposit Account No. 24-0025.

In the event the Examiner considers personal contact advantageous to the disposition of this case, s/he is hereby authorized to call Applicants' Attorney, Linda M. Robb, at telephone number (310) 333-3683, El Segundo, California.

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